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1. UNEVENTFUL TWENTIETH WORKING-LEVEL MEETING OF
SOUTH-NORTH RED CROSS SOCIETIES WAS HELD DECEMBER 10 AT
P'ANMUNJOM.

2. CHONG CHU-NYON, SPOKESMAN FOR ROK NATIONAL RED CROSS
(KNRC), TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 17 THAT NORTH KOREAN (NK) SIDE
HAD (A) PUSHED STRONGLY FOR SOME FORM OF COOPERATION WITH
COMMUNISTS (YON'GONG) AND PERMISSION FOR SOME COMMUNIST
ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH KOREA, (B) CALLED FOR CANCELLATION OF
ROK FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT PAK MADE 6/23/73,
AND (C) STRONGLY CONDEMNED TRIALS OF ROK "DEMOCRATIC FIGURES"
INVOLVED IN MYONGDONG CASE AND DEMANDED IMMEDIATE
RELEASE FOR THEM, FOR STUDENTS ARRESTED AFTER RECENT
DEMONSTRATION AT SEOUL UNIVERSITY, AND FOR A LONG LIST OF
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OTHER "DEMOCRATIC PERSONAGES." NK SIDE DID NOT
RESPOND IN ANY WAY TO KNRC DEMAND FOR RESTORATION OF
TELEPHONE LINK BETWEEN SEOUL AND P'YONGYANG, NOR EXPRESS
ANY INTEREST IN KNRC'S PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF VISITS TO
ANCESTRAL GRAVES ON JANUARY 1 AND LUNAR NEW YEAR'S
IN 1977.

3. TWO SIDES CONCLUDED MEETING WITH AGREEMENT TO MEET AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 11, 1977. AFTER MEETING, NK DELEGATES LEFT QUICKLY, APPARENTLY TRYING TO AVOID EVEN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH KNRC DELEGATES, CHONG SAID.

4. CHONG HAZARDED THAT, IN ABSENCE OF UNSEEN DEVELOPMENTS, RED CROSS TALKS WILL CONTINUE IN 1977 AT CURRENT RATE OF ONCE EVERY TWO MONTHS.
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